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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due dated January 10, 2008.

**Fees**

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**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner stated:

“Claims 1, 3-23, 25-30 and 32-41 are allowed over prior art of record because the cited references either alone or combined do not disclose the claimed invention....”

Applicant has reviewed the Examiner’s statements of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated January 10, 2008, and submits the following comments.

Applicant generally agrees with the Examiner that none of the prior art references discloses or suggests the invention as claimed in independent claims 1, 12, 18, 23, 32, and 36. In addition, the dependent claims (claims 3-11, 13-17, 19-22, 25-30, 33-35, and 37-41), are allowable for these and other reasons as set forth in Applicant’s previous communications.

Respectfully submitted,

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